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Man Sentenced to Prison for Murdering Estranged Wife Outside of Her Workplace

A 31-year-old Orange County man was sentenced today to 50 years to life in state prison for killing his estranged wife outside a Montebello restaurant where she worked, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Before sentencing Arthur Andrew Andrade Jr. of Tustin, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge William Sterling denied a defense motion for a new trial and denied the defense's request to reduce the jury's verdict from first-degree murder to manslaughter or second-degree murder.

A jury in December convicted Andrade of the March 16, 2013 murder of his estranged wife, Esperanza. Andrade went to the Montebello restaurant where the victim worked and fatally shot her six times as she sat in her car. He fled the scene but later surrendered to Whittier police.

Deputy District Attorney Pallavi Dhawan of the Family Violence Division prosecuted the case.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.